

## Cite Indiana Defense Plan



The Indiana State Defense Council was awarded a citation for merit for having demonstrated ability, efficiency and organization to an outstanding degree in the successful establishment of a bi-racial co-operation as a part of its contribution to the total war effort of

the United States. James M. Landis, director, Office of Civilian Defense, presented the citation during a gigantic Independence Day celebration here at which the governor spoke and other workers in the program attending. The award, made to

Indiana council, member of the fifth region which comprises this state, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, is the only one of its kind given in the country. Shown above are Charles Carr, OGD, Mr. Landis, Dr. Theodore Cable and J. Chester Allen, all civilian defense aides.

## FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS HOST TO STATE CONVENTION

Final plans have been completed by the City Federation of Colored Women's clubs to entertain the 39th annual convention of the Indiana State Federation at Bethel AME church July 14, 15 and 16.

The Executive Board will meet Tuesday morning at ten o'clock in the church and Mrs. Lula Bean will preside. The Elizabeth Carter Council, directed by Mrs. Helen Jefferson, first vice-president of the state has arranged a welcome program and banquet which will be held at the YWCA, Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., at which time Mrs. Elizabeth Herod will preside.

Department chairmen will conduct interesting symposiums. Return to Religion and National Defense will be discussed. A new feature this year will be the various conferences held by Department chairmen. The delegates will select the department in which they feel their club will be most interested.

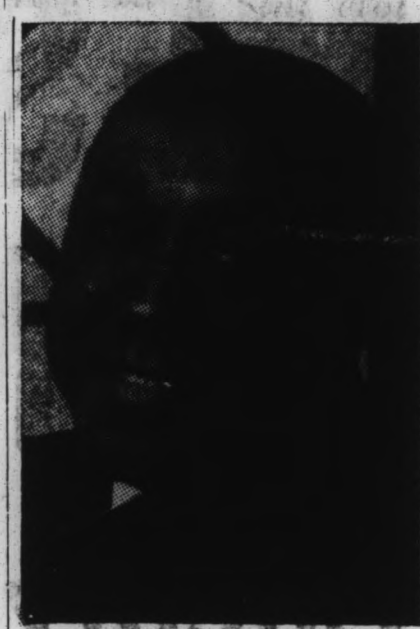
Reports will be made by Mrs. Julia Jefferson, state treasurer and Mrs. Sallie Stewart of Evansville, state chairman of the club house drive.

## JUNIORS TO MEET.

The Juniors will hold their state meeting Wednesday at Second Baptist church with Mrs. Edna Perdue, State Junior Supervisor presiding. Mrs. Carrie Crump, state chairman will accept Penny and contributions. District president will report of the fine attendance at each District meeting this year.

State officers are Mesdames Leona Harris, president; Helen Jefferson, first vice-president; Nannie Waddy, second vice-president; Millie Hoffman, recording secretary; Mary J. Hatfield, corresponding secretary; Julia Jefferson, treasurer; Lulu Bean, chairman of executive board; Myrtle Smith, parliamentarian; Ollie Johnson, organizer; Evelyn Davis, auditor; Edna Isom, chaplain; Zeph D. Priestly, statistician; Emma White, superintendent of home and trustees are Julia Reed, E. Herod, Fannie La Rue, Elma Alsop; Zora Arnold; Lulu Hodges; Nora Craig; Malissa Canady, Cordelia Carnett; Gertrude Hill, Sallie Stewart, Carrie Crump and Grace Evans.

## Dr. Geo. A. Singleton Visited Bethel Here



Dr. GEORGE A. SINGLETON, Dr. George A. Singleton, editor of the Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the guest speaker at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday. His subject was, "Social Justice."

He is former chaplain of the U. S. army and has received training at Chicago University, and Howard University. He has traveled extensively and has lectured in Germany and France. He is being mentioned a possible Bishop in 1944.

## Pentecostal Youths Church To Convene Here In 1943

The Young People's Union of the National Pentecostal Assemblies of the World will convene at this city the last Thursday in June of 1943 at Christ Temple. Elder Robert F. Tobin is host pastor. This city for the convention was agreed upon at the ninth annual convention which met at Chicago from Thursday June 25 until Sunday June 28.

Hundreds of people packed the Apostolic Faith church, 3813 Indiana avenue, where the Rev. John S. Holly is pastor. The opening address was delivered by the national president, Eld. Raymond Robinson of Akron, Ohio. As the services progressed some of the organizations outstanding preachers took part on the program. They included Elder Artie Wilson, of Indianapolis.

The goal of the 1943 fiscal year will be to gain 100 per cent membership of every local YPU that is a church auxiliary in each P. A. of W. assembly belonging to the parent body.

In the last business session election of officers was held and the following were elected. Eld. Raymond Robinson, Akron, Ohio, president, who is serving his tenth term; District Elder E. M. Lowery, Myrtle Anderson, Terre Haute, Ind., general secretary; Miss Ruth Jarvis, Columbus, Ohio, assistant secretary; Eld. Morris E. Golden, St. Louis, Mo., historian; District Elder, Frank R. Bowdman, Flint, Mich., editor, and District Elder William Crossley, Buffalo, N. Y., chairman ways and means committee.

1044 N. Senate avenue, told police that Times formerly lodged there for a short time after he was released from a Payton hospital for World War Veterans had left recently. Dixon told conflicting stories about the case and was arrested for further questioning. The charge of vagrancy against him was dismissed in police court by request of detectives Monday. Cruise is wanted on charges of assault and battery with intent to murder, and violation of the 1935 firearms act.

## DOWNSTATE MAN FATALLY WOUNDED BY RIFLE IN HANDS OF YOUNG BROTHER

Richard McWilliams, 22, 311 Fulton street, was fatally wounded by his seven-year-old brother, Alvin, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams, 503 Broadway, at 3:12 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mr. McWilliams died while being taken to the Clark Memorial Hospital from a 22-caliber rifle bullet wound in the neck. Pabelman Luther Childs said the child told him that he did not know the gun was loaded. James Johnson, 17, told police that he and McWilliams had returned from Louisville and had stopped at the Broadway address on the way home. Alvin, he stated went into another room and procured the gun after he had been teased by the older youths. No arrests were made.

Mr. McWilliams was a native of Jeffersonville and had lived here all his life. He was employed as a freight trucker for the Southern Railway in Louisville, Ky. He was a member of Trinity Baptist church.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams; his wife, Mrs. Laverne McWilliams; three brothers, T. J. Evans, Jr., and Donald; two sons, Robert Earl and Melvin Leroy McWilliams; two sisters, Misses Margaret and Odella, all of Jeffersonville.

## TWO SOLDIERS

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that no liberty is to be infringed upon save because of military necessity. National unity does not depend on blind acceptance of injustice but on eternal vigilance in the protection of liberty."

"Odell Waller has not died in vain. Around him have gathered Americans from every walk of life who understand more clearly now than heretofore how much black and white men have in common and how essential it is that they work together in creating an America that is free in fact as well as in hopes.

Waller's execution Thursday morning, followed last-minute appeals by numerous outstanding citizens to Gov. Darden for a further stay of execution and unsuccessful attempts by a delegation of ten of the country's most prominent Negro leaders to secure presidential intervention.

## COMMITTEE UNABLE TO SEE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, July 10. (ANP)—The special committee, which arrived here Wednesday seeking Presidential intervention to save the life of Odell Waller, failed to gain an audience with the President, and the 25-year-old sharecropper went to his death in Virginia on Thursday, July 2.

The committee, representing over 600 signers of a petition for a Presidential appointed commission of inquiry, was it was reported, referred by the White House to the Department of Justice, where the group conferred for more than an hour with Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division, and with Victor Rottman, head of the Civil Rights Bureau.

It was thought that Mr. Berge would convey to the President the views and statements of the committee and report any conclusions of Mr. Roosevelt in the matter. Mr. Berge, however, declined to say what transpired at the conference or later, except that the committee declared it would be a "national calamity" if Waller were executed "when millions of his fellow citizens are convinced that he was not tried by a jury of his peers."

A full-page petition printed in a local newspaper on Wednesday stated that Presidential intervention would "help restore the badly shaken faith of our Negro minority in the American democracy."

Those comprising the committee were: A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and national director of the March-On-Washington Movement; Frank R. Crosswell, chairman of the Negro Labor Committee; Frank Reeves, NAACP; Miss Layle Lane, vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL; Elmer Carter, editor of "Opportunity"; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, national council of the YMCA; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune-Cookman college, and Albert Hamilton, National Defense League.

## LOCAL MAN BURIED

Herbert Clay, 63 years old, 542 Douglas street, died July 6th after an illness of 8 weeks. He was a member of the court house for a while. He was a Republican worker of the 12th ward and belonged to the IEOPE of W 104. Funeral rites were conducted from the CMC Willis funeral home July 1st with burial at New Crown cemetery. Survivors are the wife, Josephine, and a daughter who resides at Louisville, Kentucky.

## Evansville, Ind.

Alexander AME chapel was well represented at the District conference and Sunday school convention and ACE league at Princeton June 23 and 25. Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Waters, Mrs. Ada Lee, singing evangelist and Josephine Smalling were delegates. Mrs. Lee was elected district captain. The church rally will end July 12. Mrs. J. J. Owens won the contest last week.

## Men, Women Over 40 Don't Be Weak, Old Feel Peppy, Years Younger

Funeral services were held from Trinity Baptist church, Rev. J. O. Clark officiated. Interment was in Walnut Ridge cemetery.

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## New Albany, Ind.

Walter Kellar Jr., of Chicago, spent the week-end as guest of his sister and father, Mr. Kellar is soon to be inducted into the U. S. Army. \* Rev. C. W. Anthony and members of IOM AME church held their annual fourth-of-July picnic at Second St. Park. It was a grand success with delicious food and refreshments. Lee Buchanan did the barbecuing. Sports of all kinds were enjoyed. Many elderly persons were engaged in a baseball game which was the feature of the day. \* Don't forget to attend the midnight service at Zion AME July 12 at 11 p.m. Hear the Harmony Four quartette from Indianapolis and the Silver Leaf quartette of Louisville, as well as others. \* Rev. H. A. King preached at Zion church July 5th. \* The Dorsey chorus furnished the music and the Kinchloe trio. A spiritual feast was enjoyed. Word has been received here that Mrs. C. W. Anthony is well pleased with her charge in Berea, Ky., and is doing nicely. Bethel AME church: Rev. O. J. Clark preached July 3 at 3 p.m. Services were well attended. Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Henderson have returned from a trip to Illinois. \* Sunday school picnic will be held July 16. \* Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Henderson have as their house guest Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Henderson and children of Aurora, Ill. \* The Church of God held their first services in their new church July 5th with a grand opening. \* Miss Wanda Johnson is able to be out again. Mrs. Miller Johnson entertained with a picnic dinner July 4th. Guests were Rev. and Mrs. O. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Shanklin of Jeffersonville and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Toran and son.

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## ODELL WALLER

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fed. He said four women got off the train at Little Rock after seeing the crowded condition of the four-seated section, and refusing to have the soldiers stand up, after learning of their plight, while riding in the uniform of the U. S. Army.

As the train was arriving in Oklahoma City, Pvt. Cyrus said he accosted one of the waiters up in the jim crow section and ordered two sandwiches and two cups of coffee.

"But when the waiter brought the food and I offered him the government meal ticket he told me he was instructed to honor government meal tickets only in the dining car. He took the sandwiches back. I had fifteen cents and I paid for one cup of coffee out of this so that my buddy, who was

really suffering, could brace up a little."

The youths were brought to the Oklahoma City Black Dispatch office by Elmer D. Deloisted and Adolphus Light, Oklahoma City residents. Editor Dunfee immediately sent the youths to Lyons Cafe and paid for their breakfast from his own pocket. They left later in the day for Fort Sill.

G. L. Scales, proprietor of the Lyons Cafe, when approached Thursday morning regarding feeding Negro soldiers, said he had tried to secure a contract to feed Negro soldiers, but that all of the contracts in Oklahoma City had been farmed out to whites.

"When the Navy started recruiting Negroes several weeks ago, I was approached by Victor Dunn, Negro who said a white man who had the contract for feeding Negroes recruited for the Navy, wanted him to see me and if I would give the white man a split the white man would let me feed them. I told Victor I felt if I was going to feed the Negro soldiers I should not have to split with anyone.

Scales said that when Lyndon Matt, who operated the Congo Cafe, in 1940, was feeding soldiers, Matt told him he had to feed them through a white restaurateur on North Broadway, Oklahoma City, who had been given the contract to feed all the Negro soldiers. Matt since had to go out of business and could not be reached for a statement Thursday.

Three Negro soldiers being transferred from Fort Sill to the Cookson Hills Cantonment were assaulted in the Oklahoma City Bus terminal a few days ago after cafeteria officials at the terminal had agreed that the colored boys might eat. A white soldier in uniform struck one of the boys shouting: "You coons must remember you are in the South."

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